Registration of marriages

812. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has directed Government to make registration of marriages compulsory;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) which States have made such registration compulsory; and

(d) the steps being taken to make the registration of marriages compulsory?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) and (b) The supreme Court in its judgment dated 23.7.2007 in Seema *Vs.* Ashwani Kumar has reiterated its earlier decision dated 14.2.2006 that marriages of all persons who are citizens of India belonging to various religions should be made compulsorily registrable in their respective States, where the marriage is solemnized.

(c) The information is being collected from all the State Governments and Union territorites.

(d) On the recommendations of National Human Rights Commission and National Commission for Women and as per the Supreme Courts Judgment in the matter CWP No. 291/2005 in Shrimati Seema *Vs.* Ashwani Kumar, the proposal to enact a suitable legislation relating to Compulsory Registration of Marriages is under consideration with the Government. In view of the importance and complexity of the matter, it may take some more time before a Bill could be introduced in Parliament.

Training to judges on disposal of cyber crime cases

813. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of Law and Justice be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to set up specialized training centres in cyber crime for judges in order to speed up disposal of cases related to such offences; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND 'JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) and (b) The Government, at present, has no specific proposal to set up specialized training centers for providing training in the area of cyber crimes to judges. However, the Government conducts regular awareness and training programmes on cyber laws and cyber crimes for Judicial Officers. National Judicial Academy at Bhopal also conducts programmes to train judges in cyber laws and cyber crimes. 43 judges participated in each of the workshop conducted by the Academy in 2004 and 2006.